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Forwarding by steamers and canoes. Contracts for canoes on the Stikine. Reliable information to big game hunters, prospectors and tourists a specialty.

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The Wrangell Drug Co.

Be careful where you throw your cigar and cigarette stubs.

All Osborne has a big shop for rent, suitable for boat building.

There are plenty of low bush cranberries in the marshes near town.

Supt. Fred Wilson last week repaired the wharf at the mill by replacing some old and decayed piling with new ones.

L. M. Churchill has been sworn in and entered upon the duties of deputy collector and inspector of customs at this port.

Reid, the man who killed Norman Smith at Hoobah last year, was tried by a jury at Juneau last week, and was acquitted.

Jim Weeks and A. M. Tibbets came in Sunday, after putting in logs for several weeks. They are the boys who get the fine logs.

Parties coming down the river report that rabbit tracks are to be seen almost as far down as salt water. This is said by old timers to be a very rare thing.

J. C. McBride, one of Juneau's jolly, rollicking jokers, was in town two or three days during the week, having all the fun possible out of his many friends in Wrangell.

The ice has left Pat's Lake, and one day during the week Sergt. John Perry and this writer went down, and for one hour's actual fishing, brought home fifty fine trout, weighing on an average of one pound each. This is truth.

That big order of lumber for the government road across Prince of Wales Island was loaded onto scows and left Thursday in tow of the Alaska for Chukondeley Sound.

The Princess May Touched at this port one evening last week and dropped off Messrs. A. E. Radford, H. J. McClellan and Geo. E. Irwin, who were on their way up into the Cassiar country to look after the Haskins properties, and Manager Dixon of the Hudson's Bay Company. The three former left Sunday in a canoe manned by Charley Jones and crew, and Johnny Bradley's big canoe left with Mr. Dixon, Monday. These are the first canoes up the river this spring, and they expected to find the Stikine free from ice and at a good stage for boating.

### ORDINANCE NO. 22

Fixing the salaries and compensation of officers appointed by the Common Council of Wrangell, Alaska, for the term ending on the first Tuesday in April, 1908.

Be it Ordained by the Common Council of the Town of Wrangell, Alaska:

Section 1.—There shall be a registration of all births and deaths in the Town of Wrangell, Alaska.

Sec. 2.—It shall be the duty of the Town Clerk of Wrangell, Alaska, to keep a record book, which book shall be known as a Birth and Death Registry Book, and it shall be the duty of said Town Clerk to make an entry in said book, whenever requested to do so, of any birth or death in said town, and no charges shall be made for such services.

Sec. 3.—It shall be the duty of any physician, nurse, midwife, accoucheur or attendant at childbirth, to report the same to the Town Clerk, and furnish names of parents, date of birth, sex of child and such other information as may be necessary to establish a true record of said birth, and shall in every instance state whether child was legitimate, illegitimate, stillborn, etc., provided said birth takes place within the town limits of Wrangell, Alaska.

Sec. 4.—It shall be the duty of any physician, nurse or attendant to furnish the Town Clerk with information respecting any death that may take place under the charge of such physician, nurse or attendant, and this information must be furnished immediately after said death. The information required to be given must be: First, full name of deceased; second, date of birth, place of birth, alien or citizen of the United States, native or white, length of illness, cause of sickness, and such other information as physician, nurse or attendant may have in their possession at the time of death, or within a reasonable length of time after said death takes place.

Sec. 5.—Any violation of the foregoing sections of this ordinance shall subject said physician, nurse or attendant to a fine of not less than \$2.00 nor more than \$10 for each offense, and in default of payment of such fine to imprisonment in jail not less than one day nor more than five days, or by both fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the court.

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Sec. 4.—All ordinances and parts of ordinances heretofore passed inconsistent with this ordinance, are, to the extent of such inconsistency, hereby repealed.

Passed and approved this 6th day of May, 1907.

P. C. McCORMACK, President of the Common Council and ex-officio Mayor of Wrangell.

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It is much easier to spend than it is to save.

Even an optimist is apt to backslide when he has a boll on the back of his neck.

The Pulajanes have been "almost subjugated." Evidently a few of them are still alive.

There recently died in Germany a man who knew fifty-two languages. He probably couldn't outtalk his wife, at that.

The sugar trust has paid its fines of \$165,000. For while now its disposition will be sadly in need of sweetening.

In giving the President the Noble peace prize, credit must be allowed the donors for slipping it in while there still was peace.

According to a London physician, music will cure alcoholism. Fining it to the tune of \$50 and costs has been known to help some.

That woman who says she will have to go and find the North Pole talks as if she thought it had been left in the back yard somewhere.

A forty-six-story building is being erected in New York. The people who have offices on the top floor will have to be good to the elevator man.

Land frauds have been discovered in Western Kansas. There was a time when a man would have been sent to the insane asylum for stealing Kansas land.

Attempts by modern writers to cheapen and belittle Shakespeare have but one effect, and that is to cheapen the world's opinion of the modern writer.

An Alabama bank teller who skipped out with \$100,000 has been declared insane. When it was found that he could have taken twice that sum, no further evidence was needed.

Many a man, it may as well be confessed, has achieved a fair degree of success in life by the simple process of being born into a rich family, inheriting a fortune, and to sell them more stock besides.

## THE FOOL AND HIS MONEY.

Some Schemes of Wildcat Promoters for Parting the Two.

The fact that one of the firms of pseudo-bankers infesting lower Broadway has been taking the fools' money for five years is an indication of its success, says Success.

Now half a dozen mushroom "banking" houses, with elaborately furnished quarters in New York, and branch offices in all the larger towns in this country and Canada and even abroad, are using this ingenious scheme to sell spurious mining, oil and manufacturing stocks.

The house most successful at the same has forty branch offices here and abroad, besides agents in many smaller towns. It brings out a new company every little while and sells the stock usually by the mail order and agency system.

Years of experience have given these parasite promoters an invaluable "sucker list"—little investors all over the country whose financial credulity has not been shaken by repeated losses. These "investors"—wage earners, country merchants, clergymen, teachers and other professional men—are reached through circulars and letters.

The first stocks sold by this house paid cash dividends for a while, and the "investors" who were doubling and tripling their savings bank incomes spread the glad tidings among their friends. The cash dividends were followed by scrip dividends—in some cases by no dividends at all. The stockholders who complained too loudly were offered in exchange for their unsatisfactory stocks other stocks in new companies brought out by the house.

A "trust fund" established "for the protection of investors" is made up, supposedly, of sound mining stocks, and when an investor gets tired of one spurious stock he can send it in and exchange it for something else. This, of course, is just as spurious, but it keeps the victim quiet for a while.

He is advised to hold the stock until the mine strikes the expected bonanza ore, when the stock will rapidly increase in value. In this manner the house manages to keep its dupes quiet for many months and to sell them more stock besides.

## JAPAN TO OWN RAILROADS.

### Nation to Pay Double the Cost of the Private Lines.

Now that the Japanese government has undertaken to nationalize seventeen private railways, having a total of 2,887 miles of line, at a cost of \$21,500,000 yen (\$210,000,000), or about \$73,000 a mile, the latest annual report of Ichiji Yamanouchi, director of the imperial bureau of railways of Japan, for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1905, becomes of the highest historical and comparative value.

The total mileage open for traffic in 1905 was 4,693, divided as follows: Government railways, 1,461 miles; private railways, 8,232 miles. This showed an increase of nearly 188 miles over 1904.

Calculating the Japanese yen at 50 cents (commercially 49.8 cents), the cost of construction of the mileage was:

Cost.	Per mile.	
Government rail-		
Private railways ..	120,502,452	87,284

Totals ..... \$196,554,101 \$41,882

It will be perceived that the Japanese government now pays almost double the original cost of constructing the private railways, and there is no suggestion of graft or excessive valuation in the transaction. The price paid was twenty times the average of the net earnings from operation for 1902, 1903 and 1904, divided by the cost of construction and multiplied by the paid-up capital.—Railway Age.

## SPOILED HIS PLAN.

### Worm Wrecked Michigan Man's Crop of Railroad Ties.

The best laid plans of mice and men go often wrong. Dr. A. H. Sauerman, who lives a few miles east of Union City, Mich., conceived a plan a few years ago whereby he expected to make a fortune. He planted quite a tract of land of yellow locust trees, setting them close together in rows, the tract containing something like 50,000 thrifty young trees. Their growth was hastened by frequent cultivation, good fertilizing and irrigation and they attained a most thrifty growth until last autumn.

Dr. Sauerman's idea was to care for these trees for a few years until they had reached a sufficient growth to be used for railroad ties, when they were to be marketed and the tract of ground replanted again to trees. An investigation showed that a small worm was creating havoc with the trees, boring into the trunks and in some cases weakening the trees so that they fell over in a strong wind. And thus the general doctor's vision of a fortune has gone aglimmering.—Manistee Times.

## THE FAMILY HONOR.

### "Bobby," asked the teacher of the class in arithmetic, addressing the question to one of the younger pupils, "how many pints are there in a gallon?"

"I've forgot it again, ma'am," said Bobby, who found it hard to commit to memory the tables of weights and measures.

Thinking that perhaps by turning from the abstract to the concrete she might succeed better in stimulating his power of recollection, the teacher tried another trick.

"Bobby," she said, "your father is a milkman, isn't he?"

"Yes, ma'am."

"Well, now, think as hard as you can. How sometimes sells a gallon can full of milk, doesn't he? Just so. Well, when he does, how many pints of milk are there in that gallon can?"

"It's all milk, ma'am," indignantly exclaimed Bobby.

## Making Butter in Armenia.

Butter in Armenia is made in churns suspended by ropes from the rafters and shaken from side to side by the women.

When a man is particularly disagreeable, there are those who say: "He has great strength of character."

## OLD Favorites

### My Grandmother's Old Armchair.

My grandmother she At the age of eighty-three One day in May was taken ill and died. And after she was dead The will, of course, was read, By the lawyer, as we all sat side by side. To my brother it was found She had left a hundred pounds; The same to my sister, I declare; But when it came to me, The lawyer said: "I see Granny's only left to you her old armchair."

### CHORUS.

How they tittered, how they laughed!! How my sister and my brother at me chaffed. When they heard the lawyer declare "Granny's only left to you her old armchair."

I thought it hardly fair, But still I did not care. In the evening I took the chair away. The neighbors at me laughed, My brother at me chaffed, Said he: "John, the chair will be of use to you some day."

When you settle down in life And find some girl to be your wife The chair will be of use to you, I declare. On a cold and stormy night When the fire is burning bright, You can sit in your old armchair."

What my brother said was true,

In a year or two, I, strange to say, was settled down in life. At first the girl I courted, And then the ring I bought, I took her to the church, and she's my wife.

Oh! that dear old girl and me Were as happy as could be, And when my work was over, I declare I never cared to roam, But always stayed at home, And would sit in my old armchair.

One night the chair broke down

And on picking up I found The bottom had fallen out upon the floor, And right before my eyes I saw to my surprise Notes for a thousand pounds or more.

When my brother heard of this Why, the fellow, I confess, Was maddened with rage and tore his hair.

But I only laughed at him,

And said to him: "Jim,

Don't you wish you had the old armchair?"

### CHORUS (to last verse).

How I tittered, how I laughed, How I at my brother and my sister chaffed,

When I heard the lawyer declare "Granny's left a fortune in the old armchair!"

### SOME RURAL SAYINGS.

#### There Are Many of Them in Which Belief Can Still Be Found.

While signs and sayings are not so rare as they once were in the New England country, they are still extant to a considerable degree among the old people, and perhaps still more so among the children. This sort of thing always has appealed to the imagination of the child, and very likely always will. Clifton Johnson tells in the New England Magazine a number of bits of superstitious lore which he gathered from an elderly farmer familiarly known as "Gramp," diminutive for "grandpa." Their first experience together, with the witch hazel crotch, seeking for water, did not prove to be successful, for although the crotch, which the old farmer held firmly in both hands, with the extremity pointing vertically in the air, tipped strongly downward when over a certain spot, subsequent digging failed to disclose any water. The farmer's faith in the method, however, was not in any way dissipated.

The other coal fields come to the surface in these cliffs nearly 1,000 feet above the bordering desert, and in ages past this coal has burned into the mountain cliff until smothered by the accumulations of ashes and covering of superincumbent rocks. In places the heat of the burning coal has been so intense as to melt the rocks.

From surface appearances the fires have gone out in these cliffs, at one point in the canyon of Prince river, where the coal is being mined, the rocks are found to be uncomfortably hot and the miners were compelled to retire for fear the fires would again break out.

Other coal fields lie in the desert west of Green river. At two places near tributaries of Fremont river the coals are burning, and have been without cessation since they were discovered by the earliest explorer. The origin of these fires has been the subject of much speculation.

Yet this man, who can handle a body with as little emotion as if he were putting ice in a refrigerator, to whose nostrils the odor of disinfectants is as grateful as that of violets to a spring poet, has one vulnerable spot in his armor of unconcern, and it is pierced by the chirp of a cricket.

Nothing so sinister as a centipede or so threatening as a mouse can shake Fritz's stolid sensibilities, but a cricket, a little, hopping, skipping cricket, with its ragtime chirp, can throw him into a clammy perspiration. Then his voice quavers like that of a woman who has just discovered moths in her best carpet, and dozens of sturdy shivers go sprouting up and down his spinal column.

Another superstition in which the farmer placed implicit confidence was that storms always clear off at 9 in the morning, at noon, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, at sunset, at midnight, or at sunrise. Mr. Johnson feels, however, that it would be a very ingenious storm which could clear off at a time sufficiently removed from the times named not to be assigned to one of them by the weatherwise. It is also believed that the weather on any given day will be as it is between 12 and 2 in the morning. A cold snap can be depended upon if the dog comes into the house and puts his head under the mat. If the wind dies down at sunset it will blow again the next day. One of the popular feminine beliefs is that if a pin is held between the teeth while peeling onions it will prevent the tears coming. Rats can be driven out of a house by catching one, tarring and feathering it and turning it loose.

A simple cure for hiccoughs is for the afflicted one to see bow near together he can hold his little fingers without their touching. Toothache may be prevented by cutting a little from each toe and finger nail, wrapping the cuttings in white paper or birch bark and putting them in a hole bored in a pine tree. "Close the hole by plugging," said the farmer, "and you won't have any trouble from aching teeth as long as you live." Unfortunately this will not prevent the loss of teeth by decay. Rheumatism can be cured by putting mustard in the shoes, and nosebleed by putting a piece of paper under the tongue or a key on the back of the neck. A cure-all almost equal to some advertised remedies is water bottled at a spring on Easter morning before sunrise. "Drink a little of it if anything is the matter inside of you and

if you have a sore spot rub it on outside," advised the old farmer. "You'll be surprised to see what it does for you, no matter what disease you've got."

Unfortunate fishermen will do well to heed the admonition not to cut a twig to string the fish on until the first is caught. If they do this they cannot hope to catch any fish. Carrying a cat across running water must be especially guarded against. "It will," announces "Gramp," "ruin your life. You might just as well take a dose of deadly poison and be done with it. Guests of seaside resorts, too, may save themselves much unnecessary exercise by remembering that when one kills a mosquito two will come to the funeral and the unfortunate person will be bothered worse than before."—New York Tribune.

### MIGHT PUZZLE THE BARD.

#### Suppose Macbeth's Ghost Should Meet That of Shakespeare.

Shakespeare has lately been denounced as a snob, and I am afraid that affair of the bogus coat of arms shows that he was not entirely free from the snobbery of feudalism, but no one knew better than he—that above all monarchs sit a great suzerain, the Lord of the Pen, who uses kings and who utters truths or lies according to his pleasure, says a writer in Harper's Magazine. When Charles XII. wanted his librarian to hand from the library a volume of history, he used to say, "Give me my liar." And well he might. But if you come to the fine accomplishment of lying, what is the mere jolt of history to the muse of poetry, against whose slanderous utterances there is no appeal?

Supposing that in the unknown country of shadows which lies beyond the stars of the shade of King Macbeth, son of Flunlaech (who fell at the battle of Lumphanan, after having for seventeen years reigned over Scotland—reigned with so generous a hand that he was called "Macbeth the Liberal")—supposing that this wronged hero en bie should happen to meet the shade of the author of Macbeth, and suppose that the warrior-king should protest, with the meekness that becomes a king in confronting a poet, against the wrong done to his memory—suppose he should ask the poet what was his justification for having depicted him as the protagonist of assassins—him who had never killed a man in his life save in open battle, while Duncan, his supposed victim, really did succeed to the Scottish throne because his path had been somehow made clear for him by a family murder—suppose Macbeth should presume to ask such a question of the poet, what reply would the shade of the suzerain make? Would he deign to make any reply at all, or would he simply beckon to the shade of Raphael Hollinshead (from whose chronicle the story of Macbeth is drawn) to relieve him from the irksomeness of answering idle questions?

### MURGE MAN FEARS CRICKETS.

#### Night Attendant Flees When He Hears One.

Fright is a condition unknown to Fritz Weiderman, except when he hears a cricket, says the New York World. For twelve years Fritz has been a night employee of the Philadelphia morgue, and for four years he has been sleeping there.

Yet this man, who can handle a body with as little emotion as if he were putting ice in a refrigerator, to whose nostrils the odor of disinfectants is as grateful as that of violets to a spring poet, has one vulnerable spot in his armor of unconcern, and it is pierced by the chirp of a cricket.

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When asked about this idiosyncrasy, Fritz was down in the cold, chill basement, and as he spoke he shoved a body back into its compartment with the affectionate concern of a housewife putting a loaf of bread into the oven.

"Yes," he admitted, trembling. "I'm afraid of them crickets. I don't know why it is. I ain't afraid of nutting else in this world, but if I hears run in der room I'm all o'er in a tremble."

"Run night—it was about at midnight—I was down in der basement fixing up an arrival von 't'week' went vun of dem crickets in der vall. Vell, I was so scared I let der ice fall und broke it into blices and mit all my might I hurried to der office up, und der electric light turned on full. Den, yu und py, I schneaded ould on tiptoe, like dia." (And he gave a ponderous demonstration of his methods.)

"I tell you," he added, "I don't want no grickets in der morgue. I vorn't even taken der det body of an unidentified gricket, for you can't never be sure vot dose grickets are going to do, ifing on det."

### Snow Shoveling Next.

#### Citiman—How are things with you?

Bubbub—No, but I'll bet we're due to have a heavy fall of snow pretty soon.

Citiman—What do you mean? I don't understand—

Bubbub—Well, I stopped cutting grass nearly two weeks ago.—Philadelphia Press.

### Brought Up to It.

"Medical students seem to be an especially disorderly set of young men."

"That may be so, but you must remember that their studies lead them to be always cutting up."—Baltimore American.

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The month of May is almost half gone, and it is none too early to commence preparations for a grand celebration of the Nation's birthday, the glorious Fourth of July. To perfect the details of a successful celebration of the Natal Day requires time, and there is no good reason why we should not commence now, if we are to celebrate, so that the fact may be well advertised in the neighboring towns and villages.

That Wrangell is capable of doing things on short notice was last year demonstrated, when she celebrated with only two day's time in which to arrange and finance the effort. But how many more people would have been here from the near by towns and how much more finances could have been secured if the various committees had had a month, instead of two days, in which to work and advertise?

Let's get busy in this regard, and have a rip-roaring celebration.

Another, and still nearer, event which should have our immediate attention is the day on which, in every quarter of the globe beautified by the Stars and Stripes, tribute is paid to the Nation's dead. Decoration Day comes on the thirtieth day of the present month. Twenty-one days, only, remain in which to prepare exercises for the fitting commemoration of the deeds of valor performed by that glorious band of heroes which prevented the pending asunder of this people. We must not be lax about this matter, nor let the press of business stand between us and a fitting demonstration of the deep regard in which we hold those who sacrificed so much and endured such hardships that the nation might live.

## GOOD OLD SUMMER TIME

The loveliest season of the year is about due. The beauty of the Alaskan summer is being strongly hinted at in these perfect spring days, and it is time for Wrangell to get into harness for exploiting her myriad advantages, and for passing the word out to the world that she is in her best mood and style to receive the people, and to make life pleasant and profitable for them, no matter whence they shall come.

There is no more ideal summer season in the world than pervades this section of this prosperous land, and year the shifting, visiting, touring world is becoming familiar with the fact. We must not be idle nor indifferent, but get to work on all sides and do and dig and develop and draw.

There should be many more people here this year than last, and there probably will be; and with such an access it were folly to dawdle and procrastinate; and the sum of wisdom to put our best energies at work and garner the fruitage within our reach. To do this effectively, we must get under the lee of the chamber of commerce and boost, boost, boost!

## THE PEACE OF NATIONS

Now that the incredible genius of the peoples of the earth have wrought almost everything that can be turned to the comfort, convenience and happiness of mankind, it is within the purview of the logical destiny of man that the era of universal peace should be ushered in to stay.

We need the blessing of universal peace to create a basis upon which all the good things of life above referred to, shall be better and more widely distributed and applied. As things stand now there is a dawning realization that the good things of life are ill, unwise and most unfairly allotted, and hence the dissatisfaction that calls for the peace conferences all over the world.

If the great convention at the Hague can but round up the nations and commit them to the policy of amnesty and forbearance and quietude, we of the several countries will see to it that peace prevails at home, after the sitting at the Dutch capital, if we have to kill off a few hundred thousand of our own fool fellows to accomplish the desired end.

We are for peace at any cost; and it generally costs more than any other commodity, only we do not realize what we are paying for it all the time. Just imagine the calm existence that will ensue when we disband our armies and navies, throw our prison doors wide open, turn our gun factories into gymnasiums, and our courts are abandoned to the pacific tenancies of the educators and kindergartens, chuck our six-shooters and rifles and shotguns into the abysmal slough of forgotten wrongs, take up our peace pipes and admit no arguments to supervene. Then we will know what light taxation means, and knowing will make it lighter. The visit that is opened up by this dream of "the peace of nations" is rosy and romantic enough to inspire another Don Quixote, with the table reversed, and quicken the possibilities of an abandoned grave yard. Peace! We'll have it if we have to set the world ablaze with mortal horrors for centuries to come, and prove our faith by dying in pursuit of it.—Ex.

## ETERNAL YOUTH

DesMoines comes to the front with a new fad. She has in her midst a society whose cult is "eternal youth."

The object is enticing, and the membership will not lag as long as faddists hold out. The purposes are to so live that disease shall be reduced to a minimum, and death be discounted apportionately. The members are fined, suspended and expelled for lesser and greater indulgences in the luxuries of illness, and their lives are to be regulated,

morally, physically and mentally, so as to conform to this principle. On the face of it there is room for all manner of mockery, but underlying it there is a thread of real wisdom and common sense.

The average American of today is living off his or her nerves to a tremendous extent, the pace of business, social and professional life is so swift and exacting that few can stand against the demand and retain normal balances at all, and any scheme of human endeavor or interest that shall reduce the strain, must be welcomed as a direct and palpable benefit.

The title the new society has adopted, is, of course, a misnomer, and as remote from realization as any other of the wild theories extant, but it is within human attainment to make the youth of man of longer duration and far greater joy than is permitted under the regimen now accepted on all sides, and which tend to curtail the essence and vigor of the years allotted to that season. The club may break the ice and set the new rules that shall lend to the better achievement, but beyond this it can not accomplish much. Money, and the feverish pursuit of money, will, so long as money obtains as the chiefest of all aims and desires of the poor human mind, batter down the best and effective of all such hopes. When the moneyless day shall dawn, then will the life of man be prolonged by virtue of the disappearance of man's most damning and destructive agency.

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